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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants and their attorney respectfully request that the following patents, copies of which are attached hereto, be made of record in the official United States Patent and Trademark Office file relating to the above-identified application. The citation of these patents should not be construed as an admission that they constitute prior art with respect to the present invention.

U.S. Patents

1,446,741*	3,927,762*	5,024,323
2,025,522*	3,951,261	5,099,994
2,224,027*	3,951,263	5,322,163
2,944,665*	4,023,678*	5,323,907*
3,058,584*	4,091,927*	5,351,822*
3,497,982*	4,424,898	5,353,922
3,698,551*	4,619,364	5,375,717*

5,477,964*
5,575,382
5,617,952

5,699,909*
5,704,469
5,788,062

5,788,063
5,928,611
6,394,269

In addition, applicants' attorney would like to inform the Examiner of the following three co-pending patent applications which are owned by the assignee of the present application (i.e., Ethicon, Inc.).

"Blister Tray with a Package for a Small Device",
Serial No. 10/039,173 (Atty. Docket No.: ETH-1608),
filed December 31, 2001,
Inventor: Constance E. Roshdy

"Blister Tray with a Blister Card"
Serial No. 10/039,172 (Atty. Docket No.: ETH-1609),
filed December 31, 2001,
Inventor: Constance E. Roshdy

"Kit Package for Multiple Small Devices",
Serial No. 10/039,192 (Atty. Docket No.: ETH-1610),
filed December 31, 2001,
Inventor: Constance E. Roshdy

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98, copies of the aforesaid patent applications are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

Of the patents listed above, those which are identified by an asterisk (*) were cited as references during the prosecution of the aforementioned three patent applications. Applicants' attorney would also like to take this opportunity to inform the Examiner that nine (9) of the patents listed above (i.e., U.S. Patent Nos. 3,951,261, 4,424,898, 5,099,994, 5,375,717, 5,575,382, 5,704,469, 5,788,062, 5,788,063 and

6,394,269) are assigned on their face to the assignee of the present application (i.e., Ethicon, Inc.).

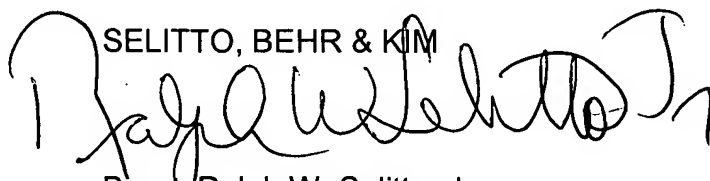
In addition, applicants' attorney notes that U.S. Patent No. 5,928,611 is discussed in the specification of the present application. In such circumstances, additional comments concerning the relevance of this patent are considered unnecessary. The remaining patents are in the English-language and, therefore, no comments regarding their relevance to the present application are deemed necessary.

In order to facilitate the Examiner's citation of the patents listed above, applicants' attorney has completed United States Patent and Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. The completed Form is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if any such fees are due, including extension and petition fees, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 19-1218.

Respectfully Submitted,

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